I will be brief. First,

I wish to thank our chairman, Senator

JOHNSON of South Dakota, for being so

steadfast in bringing this bill to the

floor. He worked in tandem with Senator

SHELBY, whom I thank as well.

Senator MENENDEZ has been a true

leader on these issues and has been the

lead sponsor of many of the pieces of

legislation to tighten the economic

noose on Iran. I wish to thank my

friend and colleague Senator GRAHAM

from South Carolina as well for being

so instructive on this issue.

We have had a lot of divisions between

Democrats and Republicans, but

on the issue of making sure that Iran

does not have a nuclear weapon, we are

united. The threat, the specter of an

Iranian nuclear weapon, will continue

to bring Democrats and Republicans

together. I hope the Iranian Government

recognizes that, because we are

going to continue to tighten and tighten

and tighten restrictions so that Iran

realizes that not just the United States

but just about all of the civilized world

is against her gaining a nuclear weapon.

The Iranians can’t talk about why

shouldn’t have it when everyone else

does. With the kind of saber rattling

and verbiage that comes out of that regime

about what they might do to

Israel or other countries, it shows they

are not a mature enough nation to be

possessing this God-awful power.

The point I wish to make here tonight

is this is another step forward.

We are further tightening the sanctions.

We will continue to tighten them

so that the answer for Iran, if they persist

with moving forward on producing

a nuclear weapon, is economic chaos

for the Iranian leadership and, unfortunately,

for many of the Iranian people.

Let Iran beware. This is just another

step. We will not stop. We are united as

two parties, we are united as a Nation,

and we are united as a family of nations

to make sure we do everything

we can to prevent Iran from becoming

a nuclear power. That would represent

a disaster to the nations of the world,

and one we cannot tolerate.

I yield the floor.